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On Wednesday, ECOS and four other associations wrote to leadership of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee requesting further discussion with states prior to any legislative response related to the chemical spill in West Virginia's Elk River. The letter is in response to the proposed Chemical Safety and Drinking Water Act of 2014 put forward by Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) and cosponsored by Senators Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) and Barbara Boxer (D-CA).

The letter acknowledges the need to examine the current federal, state, and local statutory and regulatory network to determine what additional steps may be warranted. However, the groups cite a need to complete an assessment of current authorities and programs before determining which statute and/or program should be amended or enhanced, or whether the solution lies in enhancing the use of existing authorities. The signatories offered to work with Congress to share their knowledge and experience in order to develop a workable response to the spill.

The Association of Clean Water Administrators, the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials, and the Association of State Health Officials signed on to the letter along with ECOS. A copy of the letter is available at: <http://www.ecos.org/>.